



PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

√IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please correct Figure 1 as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Correction.

√IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 24-page 6, line 3, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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The hub flange 17 mainly consists of a hub flange extension portion 34 extending radially outward from the outer circumferential portion of the hub body portion 16 by a predetermined length and a substantially annular hub flange vertical wall portion 35 suspending from the peripheral edge portion of the hub flange extension portion 34. A clearance 16a is formed between the magnetic disk 7 and a top portion 34a of the hub flange extension portion 34. A gap having a predetermined width is also formed between the